

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Over the past several years, the American Law Institute has undertaken the ambitious project of drafting the *Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution*, a comprehensive series of recommendations for the law in the areas of divorce, child custody, child and spousal support, and property distribution. The final version of this project will be published later this year. Recognizing the importance and potential impact of this project on the development of family law, we invited eighteen respected scholars to comment on the *Principles'* recommendations with an eye towards their gender impacts and implications. Their varied and insightful perspectives comprise this issue.

It was a pleasure to work on this cutting edge issue of the *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy*, and I offer my sincere gratitude to all those whose dedication and hard work made it possible. I would especially like to thank the commentators for their important contributions, the American Law Institute, particularly Deputy Directors Elena Cappella and Michael Greenwald, for their generous assistance and for allowing us to reprint the introductory chapter to the upcoming final version of the *Principles*, Herma Hill Kay for providing the foreword, and the Duke Law faculty and administration whose insight and support strengthened this issue. Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the *Journal* for the countless hours spent to ensure the quality and integrity of this publication. Their efficiency and commitment made this issue both possible and enjoyable!

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